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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2006 ("the Office Action"), for which a one-month Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.